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PROUD: Mrs Matthew said she felt 'a little bit tearful' when she read the official letter that informed her of the New Year honour. She has volunteered with The St Kitts and Nevis Friends Association since it was formed in 1984 and also helps in the community

Great-grandmother is awarded a BEM in New Year's Honours

A GREAT-GRANDMOTHER given a British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year's Honours has said she found it hard to believe she had been given the award at first.

Mabel Matthew, 74, from Luton, said she had to read the official letter 'a few times' to make sure it was correct.

She was given the medal for her services to The St Kitts and Nevis Friends Association, of which she is the current chairperson, and her service to the community.

Mrs Matthew, who has lived in the town for 30 years, is one of the founding members of the association.

Among the services it offers is a Friday luncheon club started in 1998 which has grown in popularity over the years.

She is also a member of the

town's carnival committee and entertainment and welfare committee.

Speaking about the medal Mabel said: "I was excited and a little bit tearful. I don't know how to describe how I felt."

"I read the letter a few times to make sure that it was right."

"It was hard not telling anyone but it was really good to know that someone out there appreciates you and it's a lovely feeling."

"The hardest thing was not telling the children because you need to let it out. One of my grandchildren came round and I told her. It was like a relief."

Mrs Matthew is now looking forward to attending the official presentation ceremony and the Queen's garden party to which she has been invited.

More honours' news on page 2.

Tributes for 'Father Joe'

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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PARISHIONERS will be saying prayers all across the town today as they continue to remember a priest who died suddenly last week.

Father Joseph Williams, 42, was found dead in a car in Morrison's car park in Houghton Regis when police were called on Monday. He had been there for three days.

Father Joseph served at the St. Martin de Porres Church in Leagrave.

Prior to that he had been an assistant priest, parish administrator and parish priest in both Northamptonshire and also in

Buckinghamshire.

Since his passing tributes have flowed in from colleagues and the community.

Father Kevin McGinnell, the Dean of Luton, described him as a 'loyal' and 'diligent' man.

He said: "We knew him as a very loyal and diligent hard-working man."

"He was a reserved and quiet man but was popular and respected by the people he worked with."

A special service will be held at St. Martin de Porres, with the funeral planned for January 16. Father McGinnell said that prayers will continue to be made every day.

Luton and Dunstable Hospital,

where Father Joseph was a visiting chaplain, also paid tribute.

A spokeswoman said: "We are very sad to learn of the death of Fr Joseph Williams who was a valued member of the chaplaincy team at Luton and Dunstable University Hospital."

"As Roman Catholic Chaplain, Fr Williams offered pastoral and spiritual support to a large number of local families, hospital patients and staff, and particularly in recent months to members of the Filipino community in the aftermath of the typhoon disaster."

On the Facebook page 'The Luton I Remember', residents also posted their tributes.

One resident said: 'RIP Father Joe.

His family/colleagues/parishioners are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless Him."

Another said 'such a great loss to those who knew him. I only met him a couple of times but he was such a kind and gentle man. R.I.P Father Joe'.

A third said 'Very sad news. I spoke to Father Joe when he used to come and do his parish visits at the L&D to visit my mother. He was a very caring man, will be a sad loss RIP'.

On the Diocese of Northampton website, the Bishop of Northampton, the Right Reverend Peter Doyle, wrote: "It is with much sadness that I write to let you know that Father Joseph Williams died suddenly

while out shopping on Friday, 27th December.

"Although there has to be a post-mortem, it would seem that he died of natural causes."

"Aged 42, Joe was ordained priest on 1st July 2000."

"He served as an assistant priest in Burnham and Kettering before moving to Biggleswade as Parish Administrator in 2006."

"From 2008 to 2011 he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Milton Keynes and then Parish Priest of St. Martin de Porres, Luton."

"Please pray for the repose of Joe's soul, for his family and for his parish."

"May he rest in peace."

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Former Luton student awarded New Year OBE

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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FORMER Ashcroft High School pupil and celebrity fitness trainer Greg Whyte has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours.

The father-of-three, (pictured right), was given the honour for services to sport, sport science and charity.

Professor Whyte, a former Olympic pentathlete, has enjoyed an illustrious academic and scientific career since finishing his sporting exploits.

He has coached comedian David Walliams in his swim across the English Channel and Eddie Izzard to run 43 Marathons in 51 days, as well as publishing numerous academic papers and journals.

After the honour was announced on Monday he said on Twitter: "Thank you for the kind words on my OBE. Success is invariably a team effort and that is certainly true for me..."

There was also another OBE awarded to an academic from the University of Bedfordshire.

Jenny Pearce, (pictured bottom right), professor of young people and public policy, was given the award for her services to vulnerable children and young people.

She has been leading the university's pioneering research into child sexual exploitation, which was last year recognised with the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education.

The award is the highest form of national recognition open to higher and further education institutions in the UK.

Professor Pearce said: "I'm delighted to receive this honour. "My research with partner agencies and with young people focuses on factors surrounding child exploitation and aims to prioritise the voice of the child and raise awareness of their experiences. "Progress in this field has been



Professor Greg Whyte (above) and Professor Jenny Pearce (below) were both made Officers of the British Empire (OBE)

made through working with young people and colleagues in academia, government and supporting agencies to advance theory, policy and practice.

"But much more work needs to be done to continue developing strategies to safeguard children and young people.

"This honour will reinforce our efforts to continue this important work."

Commenting on her award, the university's vice-chancellor, Bill Rammell, said: "On behalf of the university, I add my congratulations to Jenny on this richly-deserved award.

"She has led pioneering research into child sexual exploitation over several years and her OBE is testament to the passion she has for her work and the true value it is adding to society. "Jenny's pivotal role in driving research in child exploitation



was a fundamental factor in the University of Bedfordshire being awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize in November 2013, and her honour adds further recognition for the high-calibre academics based at Bedfordshire for their teaching and ground-breaking research work in social sciences."

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CHARGES OVER GUNS AND DRUGS

TWO people from Luton have been charged with weapons and drugs offences.

David French, 29, and Rose Kennedy, 25, both of Wodecroft Road, have both been charged with possession of a prohibited weapon (hand gun), possession of a self-loading pump-action shotgun, possession of ammunition without a certificate, and possession of Class A and Class B drugs with intent to supply.

The pair appeared at Luton Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

These charges are part of the on-going investigation by Bedfordshire Police, codenamed Operation Boson, into gun crime in Luton.

NEW YEAR'S DAY STREET ROBBERY

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was punched during a New Year's Day street robbery.

The man was walking on Park Street in Luton opposite Bailey Street, at about 3.15pm when he was approached by a man who dragged him into an alleyway and hit him.

Another man appeared and went through his pockets and took his iPhone and wallet.

Both offenders are described as white, about 25 years-old, about 5ft 10ins tall; one with a blue top and one with a light coloured top.

Witnesses are urged to contact Det Con Cathie Layton on 01582 394442, or by calling the non-emergency number 101.

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THE second series of Splash! got underway at Luton's Inspire Sports Village last night.

Under the watchful eye of Olympian Tom Daley, a whole host of celebrities including Hollyoaks actress Gemma Merna, EastEnders actor Ricky Groves and Diversity dancer Perri Kiely took to the diving boards for the first heat of the popular Saturday TV show.

Hosted by Vernon Kaye and Gabby Logan, the stars were judged by Team GB diving coach Andy Banks, comedienne Jo Brand and Olympic diving medallist Leon Taylor.

- For our interview with Olympian Tom Daley, turn to page 31.

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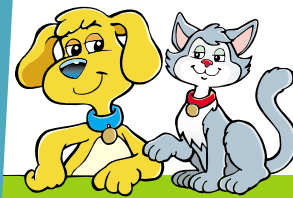
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Hatters' TV match is watched by 348,000!

BY RUPERT MARQUAND AND
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MORE than 348,000 people tuned in to watch Luton Town's soggy New Year's Day victory over Barnet as word got out on social media that the pitch resembled a muddy field.

The game, which was broadcast by BT Sport, started to trend on Twitter after persistent rain made it almost unplayable and left players struggling to adapt to the waterlogged surface.

The stats impressed Skril Football Conference Sponsorship Manager, Alan Alger, who took to the social networking site and posted: "BT Sport reporting an incredible figure of 348,000 viewers for Luton Town v Barnet yesterday. Which I think is a record (excluding play-off finals)."

Despite two pitch inspections before kick off the game went ahead.

The Hatters eventually managed to win 2-1 and in the process extend their unbeaten league run to 18 games as they now top the Skril Premier by four points.

Luton Town boss John Still said afterwards: "I think the application of my team was fantastic."

"The conditions were unfair for both sides because you can do all the



WET WET WET: Hatters striker Paul Benson does well to stay on his feet, during the soggy clash with Barnet which attracted huge TV viewing figures on New Year's Day

right things and still make a mistake but I think we dealt with it better.

"In my opinion I thought the pitch was unplayable before the game but we just got on with it."

"In the back of my mind there is always the saying of 'winners find a way of winning' and we proved that."

The manager has since paid tribute to the groundsman, who worked extra hours over the weekend

to give the game the best chance of going ahead.

"I give them every credit," said Still.

"If we're lucky enough to get promotion, really lucky, and win it by three points, we'll look back at that game and know the ground staff were part of that team who got that pitch ready for that game."

- For all the latest Hatters news, visit www.luton-dunstable.co.uk.

Still time to apply for school spot

LUTON Borough Council is reminding parents that if their child was born between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010, they must apply for a statutory school place before January 15, 2014.

Parents and guardians should have received an information letter from Luton Borough Council's Admissions Team. The letter contains important information on the admissions process and details how to apply online or

obtain an application form.

If your form is submitted late, the chances of getting a place at the first choice school is much more limited.

Parents and carers can apply online at www.luton.gov.uk/admissions.

CLR Waheed Akbar, Executive Member with responsibility for children's services, said: "Starting school is such a key milestone for young children so it's important that parents do everything they can to get their child to

attend a school they have selected.

"It's important parents read the admission booklet, paying particular attention to the schools' oversubscription criteria, to find out the likelihood of gaining a place at their preferred schools."

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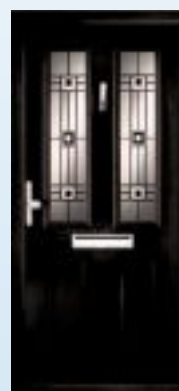
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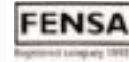
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Labour suspends two councillors

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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TWO Luton councillors have been suspended from the Labour party, it has been revealed.

Cllr Mohammad Ayub and Cllr Naseem Ayub, both from the Biscot ward, have been suspended following allegations of comments made on social media.

An East of England Labour Party spokesperson said: "Following allegations about comments made on Facebook, Councillor Mohammad Ayub and Councillor Naseem Ayub were suspended from the Labour Party."

The pair will still be able to attend Luton council meetings and vote on council matters.

A council spokeswoman said: "No members are currently suspended by Luton



SUSPENSION: Cllr Mohammad Ayub and Cllr Naseem Ayub

Borough Council. The council does not comment on political party matters."

Bedfordshire Police say they are investigating potential offences believed to be linked to the suspension of the two councillors.

A Bedfordshire Police spokeswoman said: "Bedfordshire Police are investigating potential offences under the Computer

Misuse Act 1990 (unauthorised access) and/or Malicious Communications Act 1988 (send offensive communication/incite racial hatred).

"As this investigation is ongoing at this time it would be inappropriate to comment further. As no-one has been charged in connection with this investigation we will not confirm the identity of those involved."

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Vigil plan for Leon anniversary

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The peaceful event will take place on Tuesday, February 4 outside the station on Buxton Road. A public meeting will be held before the vigil at 6pm at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts, to discuss the campaign for Leon's Law - which calls for police officers to film every interaction they have with the public with body-worn video cameras.

In last week's paper, we inadvertently described Michael Doherty as an activist. We are happy to make it clear that he is a member of the Justice For Leon campaign, director of JusticeNOW and a civil liberties campaigner.



People attend a vigil for Leon Briggs last year

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Protest over new round of fare rises

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A RUSH-HOUR protest was held outside Luton station on Thursday as commuters complained that they were again being hit in the pocket following the latest round of rail fare increases.

From January 2, annual season tickets from Luton to London with First Capital Connect have risen £112 to £3,832 – up three per cent.

Marc Sheimann of the Green Party in Luton said: "The rise in the price of rail tickets continues to outstrip the rise in wages.

"This militates against wider rail use with its environmental benefits in reducing traffic and pollution.



FARE'S FAIR: Marc Sheimann makes protest against rail fare rises

But First Capital Connect Managing Director David Statham said: "We're determined to give our passengers better value for money.

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Man left with head injury after early hours attack

A VISITOR to Dunstable was left with a fractured skull and a bleed on the brain after being attacked in the town centre in the early hours of Saturday (December 28).

The 28-year-old was walking across the Quadrant with a friend

at about 2am, when a man came running towards him before hitting and kicking him to the head.

The victim was knocked unconscious and was taken to hospital for treatment to his head injury.

He has since been transferred

to a hospital closer to home, where doctors hope that he will make a good recovery.

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MPs greet bemused EU migrants at airport

BY JULIA SUTTON
editor@lutononsunday.co.uk

BEMUSED EU migrants were greeted at Luton Airport by MPs Keith Vaz and Mark Reckless as restrictions on who can enter the UK were lifted on New Year's Day.

Thirty-year-old Victor Spiresau was among the first wave of migrants from Romania and Bulgaria to take advantage of the controversial changes.

Within minutes of arriving, a bewildered Spiresau found himself sitting down for a coffee with the two MPs, who had gone to the airport on Wednesday to welcome one of the first flights into the UK



WELCOME PARTY: Labour MP Keith Vaz talks with Julian Borbat and Victor Spiresau who arrived at Luton Airport on New Year's Day

carrying Romanian migrants.

The car washer told the pair: "I am not here to rob your country. If I work here I will pay my taxes like every one else. I want to work."

Following his visit, Labour MP Vaz said: "We've seen no evidence of people who have rushed out and bought tickets in order to arrive because it's the 1st of January."

2,000 patients treated during New Year's Eve

AMBULANCE service staff treated more than 2,000 patients over the New Year period as revellers throughout the region celebrated the arrival of 2014.

The East of England Ambulance Service

NHS Trust (EEAST) saw 2,164 emergency calls during the festivities, most of which involved falls as well as assaults and sick patients.

In Bedfordshire alone, the service

cared for 232 patients between 7pm on Tuesday and 7am on New Year's Day. Acting director of service delivery, Rob Ashford, said: "My thanks go out to all our staff and volunteers

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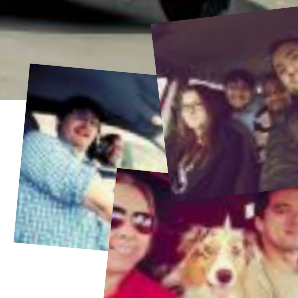
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Why no suspension for PCC?

SIR – Regarding the story ‘Cop boss spilled classified information about death’. The most worrying thing about this is that Mr Martins didn’t just let info slip out, he actually went out of his way to tell someone confidential information.

If he were a juror he would face charges. In his position of such responsibility he should be sacked.

Why hasn’t he been suspended? A police officer doing the same would surely be suspended?

Bedfordshiregirl
Via website

Christmas is over again

SIR – So that was Christmas. Well that was another waste of time and money.

I’m not a believer, so Christmas doesn’t bother me, but it’s been going on since July for just one day.

It’s crazy, people spending money they haven’t got, children getting presents they probably won’t play with, the only winners are the supermarkets and retailers.

But now of course you’ve got the sales and people are still rushing to buy just like lemmings. It’s a right rip off isn’t it?

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Now if they can make money by knocking off that amount, think what the profit is at normal price.

PCC must answer questions

SIR – SOMETHING big may be going down. As reported in last week’s *Luton on Sunday*, journalists have been trying to speak with our police commissioner – and they can’t find him.

Only a few days ago he was complaining about funds being taken from the police budget and re-allocated to the IPCC.

But considering the number of serious cases of alleged police misbehaviour we’ve had, the transfer appears justified.

Currently, we’ve got the Ian Watkins paedophilia case, plus the Leon Briggs ‘death in custody’ case, and now the alleged serious misbehaviour of PCC Martins himself in passing confidential information to ‘a close friend at the Home Office’.

It’s not clear when the IPCC will want to interrogate him but I hope they move quickly because we need to know how much more sensitive information has been flowing

back and forth between Mr Martins and his ‘close friend at the Home Office’.

On the face of it he should be for the high jump. But we’ve seen these things before and he’ll probably escape with nothing more than a slapped wrist.

But that being the case how can he continue to function when he can no longer be trusted with confidential information?

Ron Turvey,
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

powerful.

The airport are going to be very busy. They want to cash in on mass immigration. Flying people in by the plane load.

With a bit of luck UKIP will win the next election. Then they will lose a few customers.

John Tucker,
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

Help survivors of the typhoon

SIR – AT a time when many of us are with our families and loved ones, I spent a few days in the Philippines seeing the work that UNICEF is doing to help families affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

It’s now seven weeks since the typhoon ripped through parts of the Philippines. Homes, schools and hospitals were flattened, and lives were turned upside down.

Whenever I have visited communities affected by disasters, I am always struck by people’s spirit and ability to carry on.

I was struck by the resilient spirit of the survivors and their determination to rebuild their lives. But they cannot do it alone and that is why UNICEF is on the ground, and will continue to work tirelessly into 2014.

As you look forward to the year ahead I’d urge you to donate to UNICEF to allow us to continue working for children in times of disaster. To donate, visit <http://www.unicef.org.uk/UNICEFs-Work/Emergencies/Childrens-Emergency-Fund/>.

David Bull,
Executive Director, UNICEF UK

starving in 2014. Parliament should hang their heads in shame. Broken Britain it certainly is.

AD Currant,
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No point in airport protest

SIR – WHAT is the point in campaigning against airport expansion.

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Want a knighthood? Deliver a royal baby

I CAN be a bit of a curmudgeonly old git at times.

'Only at times', I hear the present Mrs Lowe mutter.

But the British honours system gets right up my nose.

Every new Prime Minister says it is going to be changed so that ordinary people are rewarded. But nothing really changes.

The new year's honours included a knighthood for a doctor who delivered a baby.

I bet he did not do it on his own.

It was of course a royal baby. Had it been the seventh child of a family on benefits I doubt he would have been so honoured.

The few knighthoods are scattered around the usual suspects: the arts, acting, the theatre (is there a difference), and law. Just below these come all the diplomatic corps and civil servants.

Traditionally they get CBEs or OBEs (which some say used to stand for Other Buggers' Efforts). Then come the police and fire service.

And I have forgotten MPs of course, who generally get knighthoods at some point, or even lordships. And what for?

Inventing the cleverest way of fiddling expenses? Staying awake longest in the chamber? Spending the least amount of time at parlia-

ment and still claiming? Actually it is usually as they are about to stand down. A sort of retirement present.

Some people get watches, MPs get knighthoods.

Sports people are another group that are honoured out of all proportion.

You just don't get gold medals for emptying bins or teaching difficult youngsters.

Then the lowest awards and biggest number is, by and large, for those who did something extra in their community, or for charity. I am not knocking them, and they have generally gone above and beyond in their efforts, but it is difficult not to believe they somehow legitimise the whole process.

It is like being in a feudal society, where most of the bread is given to the masses, but the meat is kept for the top table.

Historically this is why the names of domestic animals, such as cows, is derived from Anglo-Saxon, as peasants reared them, but the name of the meat, beef, comes from French as the aristocrats ate it.

Now we have 'upper honours' for the elite and 'lower honours' for the masses.

And of course the masses still need to demonstrate they are serving, while the elite just need to be, well elite.

As Churchill once nearly said: Never have so few given so much to themselves and so little to the many. And if only it just applied to honours.

I AM watching the news on New Year's Day and hear that Michael Gove and Boris Johnson, two men of the people if ever I saw them, are keen to bring the teaching of Latin back into schools.

I do a double-take in case the hangover is blurring my hearing as well as my vision, but it is true.

I studied Latin at school and can state quite categorically that I have never used it since. Perhaps I move in the wrong circles. But would not another European language, or even Mandarin Chinese, make a bit more sense?

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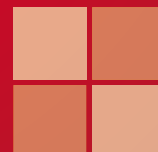
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Deaths

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His owner, Lobia Begum, had initially offered £250 for his safe return but said she has increased this to £400.

Anyone with information about Cheeko's whereabouts can contact Ms Begum on 07939 321070.

Nurse struck off over missing cash

BY JULIA SUTTON
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SERVICE users had activities cancelled at a mental health unit because a team manager was taking cash from travel and petty cash funds, a hearing was told.

Nurse Frank Agha-Kuofie was struck off after being found to have taken more than £500 for his own personal use.

He had been employed at one of the South Essex Partnership University

Trust's units in Collingdon Street, Luton between 2009 and 2010.

A Nursing and Midwifery Council panel heard that money taken by Mr Agha-Kuofie was from a float used to reimburse service users at Ace Enterprises, an employment and day service for people with mental health problems.

The panel found that he had inappropriately taken a total of £590 from a travel fund and £236 from a petty cash fund.

He was also found to have driven a car without possess-

ing a valid driving licence.

Mr Agha-Kuofie was not present at the hearing and had no-one representing him.

The panel said he had 'acted in his own interests and did not make the care of his clients his first concern'.

Evidence was also heard that 'service users were upset that they were not being reimbursed and some activities were cancelled due to insufficient money being left in the petty cash and travel funds'.



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THIS week reporter CARL MUNGAZI went to find out more about the cat whose feline antics have made him a global star

He has become (in)famous for taking items of clothing and objects from neighbouring gardens and bringing the 'trophies' home.

His owner Lesley Newman, 49, said it started when Denis was just a kitten and initially appeared to be a 'phase' he was going through.

However, when it began happening more regularly she realised something was going on.

She said: "One of the first things he brought back was a Barbie doll and then bits of old rubbish."

"At one point he brought back one sandal and then the next week he brought back the other sandal."

"I contacted local neighbours to find out if it was their stuff but I didn't realise that he was going so far out."

"So then I started the Facebook page and then when we did the BBC One Show I realised just how far he was going out."

Denis's escapades have attracted a lot of attention.

He has more than 4,200 "likes" on his Facebook page and a YouTube account which shows him bringing home his trophies.

The fame Denis has garnered has even led to the creation of a t-shirt with the legend 'Denis stole my pants' and revenue from his YouTube account has been given to a Bedfordshire cat charity.

Mrs Newman said she spends 'at least 15 hours a week' responding to fan comments and writing updates across all of Denis's social media accounts.

She said: "We made the



MENACE: Denis with Lesley

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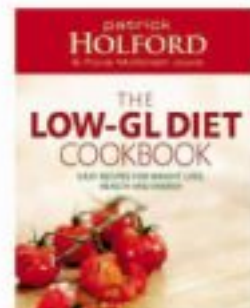


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"The charity that got the most votes got the money from the sales. We also get money from YouTube that goes to charity."

So far, Mrs Newman has collected more than 300 items and is keeping them in the hope of reuniting them with their owners.

Over Christmas he brought

home items such as men's shirts, a pair of purple pyjamas, a car light fitting and some earphones.

So what's next for Denis?

She said: "He's written a book about his side of the story which we are trying to get published and the money will go to charity as well."

"So we will see how that goes. But if that does not work out we might publish it ourselves."



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Slimming guru Pat meets comic star

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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IT DEFINITELY wasn't a case of 'no likey, no lighty' when Patricia Sampson met comedian and TV presenter Paddy McGuinness at an annual awards ceremony.

Patricia, who manages Slimming World groups in Luton, was delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to Paddy when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Bolton-born Paddy, who shot to fame in Channel 4 comedy *Phoenix Nights* before becoming a popular stand-up comedian and TV presenter on shows including ITV1's *'Take Me Out'*, said he



EXCITED: Patricia with Paddy

thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

He added: "I was genuinely amazed to hear about what a

difference people like Patricia who run and manage Slimming World groups make to people's lives.

"I used to be a fitness instructor so I know how important it is to look after yourself, but equally I know it's not always easy to get motivated. Having the help to keep on track is invaluable."

Patricia said meeting Paddy at the event, staged at Birmingham's International Convention Centre, was the cherry on the top of a great year for Slimming World.

She said: "Obviously the most important thing of all is that our members have lost weight and improved their health, and we're so proud of all of our members."

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No festive spirit shown by Christmas Day crooks

GOLD bracelets, cufflinks and a brooch were among items stolen from a home in Luton by cruel burglars on Christmas Day.

The offenders gained access to the

Runfold Avenue property by smashing a window in the conservatory, between 1am and 11.30am.

The burglars then searched several rooms and stole a

jewellery box which contained numerous gold bracelets, an opal and gold bracelet, cufflinks and a gold brooch, before fleeing the property.

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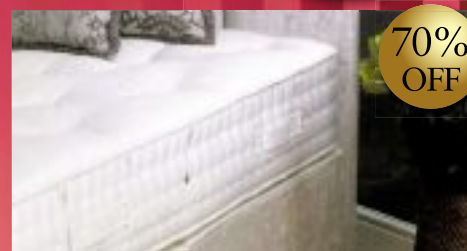
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January 12

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CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (12A)
January 12

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The exhibition, presented by the Chiltern Model Railway Association, also includes many demonstrations enabling you to see the trains in action.

There will be a chance talk to experts who will explain the various modelling techniques that can be used.

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William resides near Cambridge and has a music scholarship at the Perse School there.

He has been composing for the piano since he was six and at the age of 12 he won Cambridge Youth Music's Young Composer of the Year prize for 2012-13.

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Splash! party is open to all

INTERVIEW

Splash!
On ITV 1 every Saturday

WITH hit TV show Splash! returning to our screens last night, Tom Daley talks about the new series and the celebrities who are taking part in the diving challenge show which was a huge hit in 2013.

Q: Why did the first series of Splash! work so well?

A: It just struck a chord with people. I think audiences connected with it because they could tell the celebrities were really having fun. Everyone is up for a good time – both the contestants and the audience really get into it.

It's like a party in the pool, and that's why everyone wants to join in. All that being said it is also very hard work and a difficult challenge. The celebrities have trained really hard and have to focus on getting the dive right.

Q: Do you think Splash! is helping to broaden the audience for diving?

A: Definitely. It's bringing diving to a whole new audi-

ence. After the show went out last year, the numbers attending diving clubs trebled.

Now the numbers have gone through the roof. After the post-Olympic boom, Splash! had a massive effect.

Q: Do you respect the celebrities for giving it a go?

A: Absolutely. I massively admire their courage. They're so incredibly brave. Even if a dive goes wrong, they want to do it again. The talent in this series has been incredible.

Some of the celebrities are progressing so much more quickly than they did last year. After just two days of training, all of them are further ahead than the guys were last year after three weeks.

Q: What qualities do you require as a diving trainer?

A: I'm learning that it needs a lot of patience and that you should not use technical terms. You also really need to encourage the celebrities.

As soon as they lose confidence, they won't be able to do it. I tell them to blank out the judges and just focus on the process of diving – then it will go well.

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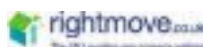
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This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Deborah Smith by telephoning 548041 or by writing to the Planning & Admissions Team, 4th Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton LU1 5NP. Alternatively, the complete proposal can be viewed at: www.luton.gov.uk/currentconsultation

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Signed: Martin Pratt – Corporate Director, Children & Learning

Publication Date: 5 January 2014

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The Order introduces a 20mph speed limit on the roads detailed in the Schedule below.

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A copy of the Order, plans and reasons for making the Order may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.22) ORDER 2013

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CONTROLLED PARKING AREAS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.5) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 30th December 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Orders will come into operation on 27th January 2014.

The Orders:

1. revoke the existing ambulance bay outside Collingdon Court and introduce a Goods Vehicle Only loading bay, maximum 30 minutes stay.
2. revoke two lengths of No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm restriction and introduce two Pay and Display parking bays in operation Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm Tariff 1 in the lengths of road specified in the schedule below.

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The Order will come into operation on 27th January 2014.

The Order:-

1. revokes the No Stopping on School Markings restriction in operation Monday to Friday 8am – 4.30pm Term Time Only as described in Schedule 1 below.
2. introduces No Waiting at Anytime restriction as described in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 1 – Revoke No Stopping on School Markings restriction in operation Monday to Friday 8am – 4.30pm Term Time Only

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Addington Way.	Odd numbered side from a point 27 metres west of the western kerb line of Angel Close to a point 25 metres south of the south western kerb line of Eynsford Road.

SCHEDULE 2 – Introduce No Waiting at Anytime

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Addington Way.	Odd numbered side from a point 27 metres west of the western kerb line of Angel Close to a point 25 metres south of the south western kerb line of Eynsford Road.
School entrance off Addington Way leading to Chalfney High School.	Both sides excluding the marked bay adjacent to the school.

A copy of the Order, plans and reasons for making the Order may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

5th January 2014

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.ES) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The general nature and effect of the Order will be to:

1. introduce waiting restrictions as specified in Schedule 1 below,
2. introduce waiting restrictions as specified in Schedule 2 below,
3. Introduce a Bus stop clearway as specified in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 1 – Introduce No Waiting at Any Time

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Bunting Road.	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Buzzard Road.	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Coltsfoot Green.	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Kestrel Way.	Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Coltsfoot Green to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Bunting Road. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Bunting Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Bunting Road. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Buzzard Road to a point 13 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Buzzard Road. Even numbered side from a point 1 metre west of the boundary of No's 16/18 Kestrel Way to a point 5 metres east of the boundary of No's 10/12 Kestrel Way. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Peregrine Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Peregrine Road.

SCHEDULE 2 – Introduce No Waiting Monday –Saturday 8am-6pm

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Dover Close.	From a point opposite the boundary of No's 2/3 Dover Close northwards to its end incorporating the full extent of the hammerhead area.

SCHEDULE 3 – Bus stop Clearway in operation 7am-7pm

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Kestrel Way.	Even numbered side from a point 13 metres northeast of the eastern kerbline of Buzzard Road eastwards for a distance of 16 metres.

A copy of the draft Order, plans and reasons for making the proposals may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should write to me at the address below setting out the grounds of your objection by 27th January 2014 quoting reference AW/1652-1667

5th January 2014

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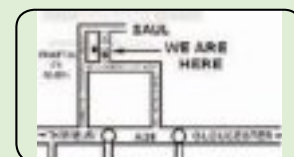
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Rio's cousin joins on loan to strengthen the Hatters' midfield

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LUTON Town have confirmed the signing of midfielder Kane Ferdinand who joins on-loan until the end of the 2013/14 season.

The Republic of Ireland U21 international, pictured, played 33 times in the Championship last season and becomes John Still's first new addition of 2014 as the boss bids for promotion.

This season he enjoyed a loan spell with League Two side Northampton Town before being re-called by now League One Peterborough.

"He's an all-action midfielder who plays a high-energy game and gets all around the pitch," said Still to luton-town.co.uk.

"He's the sort of player I like. He can come up with the odd goal and for him to play 30-odd games in the Championship last season speaks volumes. It's all happened a bit quick."

Ferdinand, who is the cousin of Manchester United star Rio as well as QPR's Anton, has been given the squad number 29.

He was named on the bench for yesterday's trip to Lincoln City in the Skrill Premier and came on after the break.

He began his career with Southend United, rising through the Shrimpers' youth academy to make his first team debut three years ago this month in a 2-0 victory at Oxford United.

He was then snapped up by Peterborough for £200,000 in the summer of 2012.



TRY: Michael Weston
Picture: Ian Nancollas



GETTING STUCK IN: Alex Lawless heads to the ground for a challenge

Hatters go five clear

HATTERS

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BY TOM SHARP
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LEAGUE leaders Luton Town moved five points clear of nearest challengers Cambridge United after grinding out a goalless draw at Lincoln City yesterday.

Protecting their 18-match unbeaten run, an even first period soon turned a little more turbulent for Town as the Imps had several chances to snatch the points on a heavy pitch.

Hatters' top scorer Andre Gray almost found the magic touch in the final ten minutes but spurned three efforts to extend Luton's eight-match winning streak and continue their unstoppable form.

The hosts may have been languishing near

the foot of the table in 18th but they were more than a match for John Still's men.

On a tough afternoon in difficult conditions Luton will consider this a point gained rather than two lost.

Town's unchanged starting line-up for the game suggested a "if it ain't broke don't fix it" motto as they rounded off the packed festive period at Sincil Bank.

Matt Robinson was again entrusted with a pivotal central midfielder berth alongside Luke Guttridge after Jonathan Smith's season-ending leg break on Boxing Day but would have been wary of the presence of Peterborough loanee Kane Ferdinand on the Hatters bench.

Despite featuring in 32 Championship games for Posh last season, the former Southend United man, cousin of Rio and Anton, has fallen out of favour at London Road.

Perhaps down to his inability to put his shirt on the right way round as he demonstrated

after replacing Guttridge soon after half time. The Imps were also armed with a pair of new recruits very intent on halting Town's tremendous Skrill Premier run.

Cambridge United, who did not play yesterday, sent pair Delano Sam-Yorke and Mitch Austin on loan in time to line-up for the Imps.

With the likes of top scorer Ben Tomlinson and Alan Power sidelined through injury and suspension that duo provided City's main attacking threat.

A new frontline and renewed optimism for a side boasting just one league win since the end of September. Despite this horrific statistic Lincoln were certainly not over-awed by the league leaders throughout this fascinating affair. Several swift breakaways spearheaded by Sam-Yorke were absorbed diligently by the Hatters in the opening 20 minutes and the visitors almost forged ahead moments later.

A foul on Paul Benson 20 yards from goal

Weston glorious but not enough to conquer Vikings in the East

RUGBY UNION

BY TIM BARTLETT
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LUTON RFC made the 150 mile journey to the far side of Norfolk to play North Walsham Vikings in their London 1 North league fixture this weekend, and were narrowly beaten 21-18, tasting defeat for the first time in five.

"They played a good game," said Luton's Backs Coach Nick Rhodes. "They're unbeaten at home this season, and on the balance of play, they probably deserved that result."

On a wet and boggy surface, Luton's playing style was restricted, as they failed to really get their backs running with ball in hand. Luton fell behind to two Vikings' pen-

alties and a converted try to trail 13-0, but were able to go in at the interval just five points down, 13-7, with Jack Elston scoring for the visiting Lutonians, and Rik Hobbs adding the conversion.

Michael Weston scored the try of the game at the start of the second period, running 40 yards with the ball, breaking several tackles, and scoring in the corner to bring Luton back to within a point of their hosts, Hobbs unable to add two points from the conversion.

The Vikings scored against the run of play from a counter-attack as Luton pressed their hosts late on in the second half, to take an 18-12 advantage into the closing stages.

Hobbs added a further two penalties, in treacherous conditions, to level the score at 18-18, only for the Vikings scrum-half to slot a further penalty between the

posts for the home side with just minutes left on the clock. Despite Luton being camped on the Vikings' goal line for the remaining minutes of the game, they were unable to cross the whitewash, and have to make do with a single league point for losing the game by less than seven points.

DUNSTABLE'S Midlands 2 away game at Leicester Forest was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, so they will need to wait until next weekend to get 2014 under way, a home derby-game against table-topping Leighton Buzzard, a team that comfortably beat the Dees 38-7 when they met earlier in the season.

STOCKWOOD PARK enjoyed a rest week, as their opponents' pitch at Daventry was water-logged this weekend. They will be looking to getting back to winning ways against Deepings, at home next weekend.

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DRIVING FORWARD: Paul Benson avoids a challenge to make progress

Pictures: Gareth Owen

r with a point at the Imps

gifted Guttridge a pot-shot from the resultant free-kick but his shot was blocked valiantly to the relief of the scattered home fans.

Town's goal-scoring potency has been undeniable in recent weeks with 19 goals in their previous five league matches but as the half drifted on City keeper Paul Farman clung bravely to his clean sheet.

Scott Griffiths, fresh from his first-ever Luton goal last weekend, set off on a windy run and was unfortunate to see his crack at goal fly inches over while Benson headed off target in a swarm of bodies at the far post.

Having survived a dangerous spell, City were unlucky not to take the lead as their captain Nat Brown headed just wide at a corner but then a moment of contention to chew over at half time. Gray's unexpected mis-kick twelve yards out flew back to Jake Howells who was adamant his quick-fire shot had hit a Lincoln hand en route to goal. Referee Ross Joyce was just as adamant to wave away protests.

Luton had not been at their flowing best and the withdrawal of Guttridge minutes into the second half added further woe to Town's midfield conundrum.

With Still scratching his head at his side's workmanlike yet patchy performance and piling injury worries, Brown's 50th minute header almost worsened the boss' headache. Town have not experienced many moments of displeasure over the past month but as City turned the screw, the Hatters were forced to defend astutely.

Sam-Yorke's dipping half volley the pick of the bunch as the Imps were kept at bay. Having weathered the storm, Town surged up the other end looking to steal the points.

An intelligent Ferdinand touch set up Gray but he was thwarted with a sight of goal. Moments later he had missed two more efforts as Luton's irritation grew more apparent and there was to be no late stunner as Lincoln held firm.

The Hatters stretched their lead at the top but Cambridge now have three games in hand.

Lincoln City – Farman; Miller, Brown, Foster, Newton; Jordan, Fofana; Robinson, Nolan (Gray, 90), Austin; Sam-Yorke. Subs not used – Preece, Fairhurst, Rowe, Wright.

Luton – Tyler; Henry (capt), Davis, McNulty, Griffiths; Guttridge (Ferdinand, 49), Robinson, Lawless, Howells; Benson, Gray. Subs not used – Wall, Cullen, Justham, Mawson.

WATCHING ON: John Still



Still eyes Ruddock return after West Ham re-call him



HATTERS

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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THE re-call of Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, pictured, from Luton Town back to his parent club West Ham was of no surprise to manager John Still.

The Premier League side summoned the midfielder back to Upton Park due to an injury crisis within their squad.

Ruddock had impressed during his seven appearances with the Hatters, and it had been suggested that his loan, which was due to expire yesterday, could be extended.

But boss Still said he had an inkling the Hammers would recall Ruddock as he sat watching the West Ham game on television last Saturday.

"He's gone back to West Ham – they've had full backs playing at centre

half and he (Ruddock) does play centre half at West Ham," said Still.

"He is a West Ham player and we understand the reason he is going back – they have no defenders.

"I saw a bit of the West Ham game on the television and when James Tompkins came off, I thought in the back of my mind, 'that will be him (Ruddock) going back.'

"The re-call wasn't a massive surprise.

"In my mind I thought they would take him and I wasn't sure that he would be here for the long term. Whether he will come back is something we will look at."

Ruddock did not appear on New Year's Day for the Hammers when they lost to Fulham but he could be in line to play some part today when the Hammers square off with Nottingham Forest in the third round of the FA Cup.

Meanwhile, defender Alex Lacey is reportedly being monitored by clubs in the Football League.

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EYES ON THE PRIZE: Andre Gray holds off a challenge at Lincoln yesterday

HATTERS

BY TOM SHARP
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DESPITE failing to record an eighth consecutive league victory, this time over Lincoln City at Sincil Bank yesterday, Luton Town boss John Still hailed a fantastic Christmas period for the Hatters.

Town had registered festive wins over Gateshead, Kidderminster Harriers and Barnet twice in a hectic 15-day schedule but were frustrated by the Imps' rugged style.

Nevertheless Luton now move a point further clear of second-placed Cambridge United, stretching the gap to five, although the Hatters have played three games more than Richard Money's men.

"I cannot fault the boys today," said Still.

"The commitment, effort and work rate was all spot on. It was a battle in difficult

conditions but I think we played well.

"We were not sure whether the game was going to go ahead one or two hours before kick-off but we did not let that put us off.

"I know we have won seven in a row and we would have loved an eighth but this is a tough place to come and get a result so we will take this.

"These are the hard-fought results that are going to win you the league.

"Christmas is all over now and I think we have been fantastic throughout.

"We have knocked off some really good teams along the way.

"I could not ask for any more from my team after this last fortnight or so."

The Hatters made their first signing of the January transfer window on Friday, acquiring the services of Peterborough midfielder Kane Ferdinand, who impressed the boss when he replaced the injured Luke Guttridge early in the second

half. "I thought he was very smooth on the ball and almost played in Andre [Gray] with a lovely reverse pass near the end," said the veteran manager.

"He needs time to get him up to speed with our training but he is a talented player.

"I know him from when he was at Southend and now he is at Peterborough and I have kept tabs on him.

"We lost Pelly [Ruddock] and Jonathan [Smith] so we needed someone and Kane is very much a player that can help us achieve what we want to achieve in this league.

Still is not ruling out more signings in the next few days either.

"Andy Parry and Solomon Taiwo may be back very soon but I may just dabble again as we may pick up some more injuries we can ill afford like Luke's today."

• For more on Kane Ferdinand's signing and a full report from the Lincoln City game, turn to the inside pages.

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